

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF CARROLLTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the founding of Carrollton Christian Academy (CCA) in Carrollton, Texas. Since 1980, CCA has provided a first-class education to hundreds of students. Its expansions since opening include serving students across the world with its international program, begun in 2002. The school, which truly lives its mandate to provide a quality secular and theological education, has become a staple in the area and a boon to all who benefit from its creation and growth.

Under the leadership of director Constance Waddell, then-Sonshine Christian Preschool added a kindergarten program two years after inception. In 1985, it officially incorporated, and was re-named under its current designation. By 1994, only 14 years after opening its doors, CCA graduated its first class and was forced to expand due to increased interest. A new building—complete with classrooms, a gymnasium, and science and computer labs—was built, and opened in the fall of 1994. The school re-located in 2002 to its current location in Carrollton. Today, the school has an athletic field for football and soccer, and in June graduated 49 students.

There are many people to note for their contributions to CCA. In 1985, senior pastor Dr. Paul Morrell helped lead CCA to its renaming and incorporating. That fall, Dr. Morrell, Jeff Dixon, Carla Vaughn, and Marilyn Headley helped lead the school, and incorporators included Dr. Morrell, Ann Morrell, George Etier, Lamont Scarbrough, Carla Vaughn, John Collier, Cindy Shirley, and Doug Giffen. I thank these entrepreneurs for their efforts to improve the communities in which they lived.

I have experienced the high quality of CCA's education through my own children's attendance. Three of my four children went to CCA, and as a parent I could not be prouder of the experiences they received. In both formal education and theological growth, the benefits of CCA are seen every day in the hundreds of graduates and the positive influences those graduates have on their world. It is with great pleasure and pride that I ask all of my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating CCA for over a generation full of successful work for education in both the secular and religious traditions.

HONORING KIA SHAW, LAND
O'LAKE, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Kia Shaw of Land O'Lakes, Florida. Kia recently received the distinguished title of National American Miss Florida and is the found-

er of Tampa Bay Teens on a Mission. TBTOAM is a community service organization which seeks volunteer opportunities for children. This organization currently has a total of 115 members. Ms. Shaw has proven to be a leader in youth involvement and has created a gateway for children to be actively involved in our community.

She has devoted her time and talents in the last ten months with more than 200 hours of community service; including service to such organizations as the Boys and Girls Club of America, YMCA, Metropolitan Ministries, Pinellas County African-American History Museum, Mount Calvary Deliverance Church, Lake Myrtle Baptist Church, "Dress for Success", Junior achievement, "Soles4Soles" and the St. Joseph's Children's Hospital where she donated \$152.00 from her birthday money and over 100 stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons.

Kia Shaw is an incredible example that the leaders of tomorrow are already making a lasting impact in our community today. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Kia Shaw for her accomplishments, thanking her for her dedication and wishing her all the very best in the very bright future that lies ahead.

RECOGNITION OF CPL. LARRY A.
DRAUGHN, JR. OF DAYTON, OHIO

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a real American hero, United States Marine Cpl. Larry A. Draughn Jr. of Dayton, Ohio. On May 30th, 2009, while out on patrol in Afghanistan, Cpl. Draught lost both legs and nearly lost his life during an IED explosion. I would like to thank him for his service to his country and place this poem, penned in honor of him by Albert Carey Caswell, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

O . . . HI . . . O

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Are, all of those men who into the face of hell must go!

Marines, like Larry . . . whose courage upon battlefields of honor shows!

Shows us all, how high . . . to what new heights a soul can grow!

Who stand, so very high as do all of those!

For from this great Buckeye State, have but come such Marines with names so great!

Like the Right Stuff, John Glenn . . . Lima Company . . . all of those magnificent men who await!

Men, who go where Angels so fear to tread . . . who all for our nation have so died

And bled . . .

As upon battlefields of honor, their brilliant blood ran red!

Strength In Honor, Uhraah Jar Head!

For Cpl. Draughn, for us you went into that valley of death. . . .

All for God and Country, as was your fine life was so pledged!

And on that morning when you awoke, and found your loss . . . as to you it spoke!

With your two fine legs gone, all that you had left was but your faith and hope!

As on the edge of death, your fine life lie barely left. . . .

As once again, you began a new most heroic quest!

To rebuild somehow, where none lies left!

Day by Day . . . Step by Step . . . as defeat you Marine, would not accept!

For you've got a life to lead and live . . . as you got up. . . . As gained speed!

For Marines Do . . . For Marines Succeed!

And for each other, they will so sacredly live, die and bleed!

As to new heights on this day Larry, all of us you so lead!

Teaching Us . . . Beseeching Us So . . . O . . . HI . . . O, Larry high are you so!

As all in one short year, your strength . . . your courage, has so appeared!

For you are the kind of Son, any father would endear!

Showing us all how high, and far a heart can go . . .

Yes, Maximus . . . you are O . . . HI . . . O!

HONORING THE CITY OF
BURKESVILLE, KENTUCKY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the bicentennial celebration of the town of Burkesville, Kentucky. I wish to recognize the town of Burkesville's history and its cultural contribution to our country.

Founded by Samuel Burkes, an early settler from Virginia, Burkesville has embodied small town virtues, patriotism, hard work, and the spirit of helping one's neighbor for just over 200 years. As a city on the border of Kentucky, Burkesville played an integral part in the American Civil War and the Cumberland River on the city's southern border served as a major natural barrier between opposing forces during the war.

In the present day, the Cumberland River has provided the City of Burkesville an economic engine due to its excellent recreation and the tourism it provides. Also known for its tourism and bass fishing is the Dale Hollow Lake located just south of Burkesville. Within the great state of Kentucky Burkesville is seen as a place that shows the pure heart and true character of the United States. Everyone who has had the pleasure to set foot within the City's old fashioned town square, myself included, has been able to appreciate the history that this unique town represents.

Madam Speaker, the City of Burkesville is an integral part of Kentucky's history and it is an honor for me to bring this great town to the attention of this House.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH
ANNIVERSARY OF TAIWAN

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on October 10th, the Republic of China and Taiwanese Americans will celebrate National Day. The holiday, also known as Double Ten Day, marks the start of an uprising that led to the establishment of the Republic of China. Similar to Independence Day here, National Day is celebrated with parades and firework displays.